



# News Release

---

**For immediate release:** December 6, 2010

(10-194)

Contact: Media inquiries: Sharon Moysiuk, Communications Office  
Public inquiries: Health Systems Customer Service

360-236-4074  
360-236-4700

## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Benton County**

In October 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the license of **Shane E. Thompson** (HC60027034) and placed it on probation for 27 months. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

## **Clark County**

In October 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Bradley C. Allen** (ES00127896) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include taking controlled substances from his place of employment for his own use, replacing the drugs with water, using the controlled substances while on duty, and modifying the quantity ordered of controlled substances after the physician had signed the forms. He was charged with product tampering, and obtaining controlled substances by deception.

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Kelsey Dawn Curtis** (NC60122079) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of rendering criminal assistance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Garfield County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the applications of certified nursing assistant **Philip A. NorthAmer** (NA60125638, NC60133100) and placed his registration and certification on probation for one year. He was convicted of criminal damage by domestic violence, and malicious mischief. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration and certification.

### **Island County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Kelley F. Bugg** (NA00112187) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole a patient's debit card, purchased items with the card, and withdrew money from the patient's account without the patient's permission. She pled guilty to theft.

In October 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Robert L. Lycksell** (MD00020054). Dr. Lycksell's license to practice medicine in Washington is unrestricted.

### **Jefferson County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Jeffrey Bruce Fairbanks** (NA60164724) and placed his registration on probation for two years. His credential to practice as an emergency medical technician is subject to terms and conditions. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

### **King County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **David W. Kelly** (LP00039433) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly signed out medications for patients but failed to document waste or administration of the extra medications he withdrew.

In October 2010 the Counseling Program granted the application of agency affiliated counselor **Rodney J. Purdy** (CG60178249) and placed his registration on probation. Terms and conditions were placed against his registered counselor and chemical dependency professional credentials. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program modified the agreed order of certified nursing assistant **Mitchell D. Steward** (NC10015434) and placed his certification on probation for 30 months. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In August 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Theresa D. Willingham** (HC60140174), also known as Theresa D. Moon. She was convicted of solicitation to utter a false or forged prescription.

### **Lewis County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Wendy Wincewicz** (RN00092329) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly mistakenly administered the incorrect medication to a patient.

### **Okanogan County**

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Nora Louise Neel** (NA60164614), also known as Nora Karason. Her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse was suspended.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Clarice C. Freeman** (LP00046535) with unprofessional conduct. She entered into a deferred prosecution on charges of driving under the influence, and two counts of hit and run. She was also convicted of failure to remain at an injury accident.

In October 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged emergency medical technician **Joseph C. Mondau** (ES00126265) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of driving under the influence.

In October 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Carrie L. Nelson** (VB60070067) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole a bottle containing 80 tablets of Oxycontin from her place of employment, distributed the pills amongst her friends, and ingested some herself.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Heather J. Smith** (NA00122676). She tested positive for drugs during a workplace urinalysis, and admitted to smoking marijuana. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Thurston County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Rhonda D. Alfred** (NA60088867) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of trafficking stolen property on more than one occasion, and identity theft on more than one occasion.

In October 2010 the East Asian Medicine Practitioner and Registered Counselor Programs terminated the order of probation against **Frederick W. Klemmer** (AC00002147, RC00049628).

### **Whatcom County**

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Becky Lynn Frick** (NA60002221) and placed her registration on probation. Previous applications were denied in 2008 and she entered a deferred judgment agreement on a charge of theft in 2010. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Yakima County**

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee applicant **Jered James Carter** (CO60165302). He was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, producing false identification documents, and attempted unlawful issuance of checks.

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Charleah Lynn Ruland** (NC10015509) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault — sexual motivation.

### **Out of State**

**Idaho:** In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Melissa A. Freand** (NA00048584) with unprofessional conduct. Her certification to practice as a nursing assistant in Arizona was revoked.

**Kansas:** In October 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **George B. Howell** (MD00036185). Dr. Howell's license to practice medicine in Washington is unrestricted.

**New York:** In October 2010 the Medical Commission corrected the statement of charges against physician **Peter Teiman** (MD00043516). He allegedly voluntarily agreed not to renew or reinstate his license to practice as a physician in Connecticut.

**Oregon:** In October 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Edward Erik Miller** (LP00060054), also known as Edvard Erik Miller with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted narcotics from his place of employment for his own use, and admitted using the narcotics while working.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

###